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NAL TO HOLD INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

USDA's National Agricultural Library will be sponsoring four intensive level AGRICOLA, CRIS and CALS workshops in 1982.

The workshops are designed to train information specialists and librarians in the efficient use of NAL information systems and services.

The first workshop will be held February 1-5 at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The second will be held April 12-16 in USDA's South Agriculture Building in Washington, D.C. The third will be held June 14-18 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. And, the fourth will be held August 9-13 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Each workshop will emphasize online access to the CRIS (current research information) and AGRICOLA (agricultural literature) data bases, as well as the provision of CALS (current awareness service).

Topics covered will include online systems access, Boolean logic, search strategy formulation, efficient search techniques, and basic proficiency in the searching of CRIS and AGRICOLA, as well as profiling experience for the provision of CALS service.

The seminars are designed to provide an overview of NAL services and an introduction to information retrieval through the three special services.

Twenty persons will be accepted for each workshop, with preference being given to individuals with USDA, land grant or other agricultural universities and other cooperating institutions or agencies.

No prior online searching experience will be expected of participants.

Registrants are responsible for their own lodging, meals and transportation, but all equipment, manuals and instructions are provided.

Extensive "hands on" experience in the use of the online system will be an integral part of the course.

Individuals wishing to attend one of the seminars should submit their request on letterhead stationary to: David Hoyt, Educational Resources Staff, Room 408, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Requests for enrollment must be received at least two weeks prior to the workshop date.

Emergency telephone reservations or inquiries may be made by calling (301) 344-3937.

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW INFO HEAD

James Griffith is the new director of information services for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Griffith, who had been manager of visual communications at Cornell University for the past nine years, replaces Len Maurer, who is now an assistant professor in the University of Wisconsin's Department of Agricultural Journalism.

Griffith is a past Northeast regional director of the Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) organization.

LAST FOOD MARKETING ALERT ISSUED

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has issued its last "Food Marketing Alert" as a result of budget constraints.

The monthly two-page food supply report has been prepared and issued by the AMS Information Division for about 10 years.

It replaced the previous plentiful foods monthly bulletin, issued since World War II. Often a one or two-page supplement about foods in particularly abundant supply would accompany the regular monthly "alert."

Although "Food Marketing Alert" was designed primarily for use by large volume food buyers, both in the food service and food retail business, the information was very popular with food editors and other communicators, including Cooperative Extension Service home economists.

OMB TO CONTINUE REVIEWS OF PUBLISHING

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget will continue to monitor and evaluate efforts to reduce costs of federal publishing and audiovisual products despite the lifting of the OMB moratorium.

That was the message conveyed by Robin Raborn, OMB's deputy director for public affairs, at the monthly meeting of the Federal Publishers Committee.

Raborn said that OMB is working closely with the Joint Committee on Printing and the Government Printing Office to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of government printing and reproduction activities. She cited the Yearbook of Agriculture as one book that OMB believes should be self-sustaining.

IRRI NEEDS TWO EDITORS IN PHILIPPINES

The International Rice Research Institute in Los Banos, Philippines (about 60 kilometers south of Manila), is accepting applications for long-term and short-term positions for science and technical editors.

A regular senior staff position for a science editor will open in the spring of 1982. Primary responsibilities are editing of technical books and reports on rice science, and interpretive research reporting.

IRRI also has a one-year sabbatic opening for a science editor, beginning in August 1982. Primary responsibility is for the editing of technical publications. IRRI provides half of the sabbatic editor's salary (the home organization or another agency must pay the other half), plus round-trip air transportation for the editor and immediate family, schooling for dependents and rent-free apartment and car.

For more information about either position, contact Dr. Thomas R. Hargrove, Head, Information Services, International Rice Research Institute, P.O. Box 933, Manila, Philippines.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN 5 STATES

At least seven vacant positions for communications instructors or heads have been announced by five different land grant universities.

Three positions are at Cornell University, in the Department of Communication Arts, where duties will include teaching and advising undergraduate students, engaging in in-service education programs for Cooperative Extension Service professionals and opportunity to be involved in research during summers. All three positions require a Ph.D.

Send application by February 15, 1982, to Russell D. Martin, Chairman, Search Committee, Department of Communication Arts, New York State College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, 510 Mann Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Position of assistant professor of newspaper management with interest in publication design and graphics is open at the University of Florida. Master's degree is required.

Send application by January 30 to Jean Chance, Journalism Search Committee, 3049 Weimer Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Louisiana State University is searching for someone to head its new public relations sequence for the 1982-83 academic year. A Ph.D. and experience is required.

Send application by January 1, 1982, to Dr. John C. Merrill, Director, School of Journalism, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

New Mexico State University is looking for a journalism department head, with some teaching expected. The incumbent also has responsibility for the university's public radio and television stations. Ph.D. is preferred.

Send application by January 5, 1982, to Karen Holp, Search Committee Chairperson, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Box 3J, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Oklahoma State University also is looking for a head of its journalism and broadcasting school. Ph.D. or equivalent is required.

Send application by January 15 to Smith L. Holt, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.

BACK ISSUES OF USDA YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Some back issues of USDA Yearbooks of Agriculture are available for bulk distribution, according to USDA's Office of Governmental and Public Affairs.

Titles and quantities are: 1975--That We May Eat, 14,000; 1976--Face of Rural America (the "picture book"), 22,000; 1977--Gardening for Food and Fun, 16,000; 1978--Living on a Few Acres, 10,000; and 1980--Cutting Energy Costs, 8,000.

No copies remain of the much-publicized 1979 soft-covered yearbook for children, "What's to Eat?"

GPA is looking for bulk distribution of these yearbooks to schools, libraries or similar central locations.

Anyone with suggestions should contact Ted Crane, head of the Special Programs Center, Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, Room 536-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, or call at (202) 447-5136.

NEW USDA RESEARCH POSITION ESTABLISHED

The new Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, recently enacted into law by Congress and signed by the President, establishes a new position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Research.

USDA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON FOOD DISPLAY

By any standards, the recent launching of the 1981 Yearbook of Agriculture, "Will There Be Enough Food?", in the Patio of USDA's Administration Building was a very impressive event.

"No doubt, it was one of the most dramatic displays ever shown in the Patio," said Claude Gifford, acting assistant secretary for governmental and public affairs. He was referring to the display of 2-1/2 tons of food which an average U.S. family of four consumes annually.

"What a contrast with other events in the world that day," he said. "People in Poland were shown on television queued up in long lines waiting for food. Stories out of the Soviet Union dwelled on the shortages in food production there.

"Our Patio food display couldn't have been a clearer visual statement comparing the United States with Iron Curtain countries," Gifford added.

He described the mind-stretching realization that one U.S. farm worker--represented by the typical farm family of Iowa standing there in the center of the food display--produces, on the average, 19 of those huge displays of food each year. That's enough food to feed 78 people.

"Our farmers do it because individuals own the land and the livestock, not the state or a politically-run cooperative," Gifford said.

"Our farmers have the freedom and the incentive to manage their farms to the best of their ability, profiting from their own initiative. They get paid what the market pays--not what the government decrees."

Gifford also pointed out that the food is processed and distributed through a competitive system whereby processors and retailers vie with each other to see who can be the most innovative and do the best job for the least cost.

No government food factories in the United States. No state food stores.

He called attention to the generous act of the Safeway officials who donated the food used in the display to the Washington Capital Food Bank for needy people.

"People in the United States pay less of their wages and salaries than anywhere else in the world for their year's food, represented in that Patio display," Gifford said.

"However, those who aren't able to buy their food are helped by food stamps and by private donations; and there's always plenty of food there to take care of them. Nobody has to go hungry."

In another reflection, he said the remarkable Patio exhibit of food could not have been displayed in much of the world.

In those many places, people who heard about it would have stormed the building, breaking doors and windows to get in. And what they saw, they could only dream about.

Here during the holiday season, that's worth taking a moment to think about and to be thankful for.

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